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LAURA LINK: My name is Laura Link, L-i-n-k.

12 I'm a resident of Washoe County and have been for 20
13 years.

14 I am seriously disturbed about this document
15 that I received because my background, although I am an
16 attorney, is in environmental health and safety, and I
17 spent 35 years in that area, and I find a document
18 presented that shows the matter before us has not been
19 adequately addressed. The tanks, casks that are intended
20 for use do not meet the standards that have been
21 required.

22 We're also looking at an issue that we never
23 considered a month ago when this was probably made. The
24 events of the 11th of September and yesterday should show
16 25 us that there are many people who are willing to die for

1 what they believe, and the consideration of concentrating
2 all the waste in one spot is like waving a red flag at a
3 bull. You have everything right there.

4 The other problem I have deals with, why has
5 recycling not been considered in the United States? Why
6 do we want to bury it when places like France are now
7 recycling in excess of 90 percent of their waste? This
8 doesn't make sense. It's as logical as dumps, and

9 municipal waste dumps are now being outlawed. The State
10 of California has not opened a new one in over five
11 years. The State of New York is sending their municipal
12 waste to Ohio at \$80 a tipping fee, so there's something
13 wrong here.

14 We have a university that ranks very highly,
15 we have people who are highly intelligent. Why cannot a
16 place be set aside and a design put together that would
17 possibly hold the nuclear waste but hold it in such a way
18 that it is not a single target, but spread, and then
19 immediately commence with recycling?

20 If that occurs, then it seems to me only fair
21 the State of Nevada should receive the benefits of this
22 type of material. They're the ones who have been forced
23 to take it; therefore, they should be the ones who
24 benefit from the recycled material and who should receive
25 the income generated from it.

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1 Diablo Canyon in California has so many
2 plutonium rods, they don't know what to do with them.
3 Let us recycle them and then charge them for our input
4 and our knowledge. This is an idea that I talked with
5 many people about, and most people are saying, you know,

6 that's not a bad idea. It would help stabilize our
7 economy.

8 And I know the World Trade Center made many
9 people very, very nervous because when you have people
10 who care nothing for their own lives and are willing to
11 do whatever it takes, you're talking about a possibility
12 of literally turning Nevada into a nuclear wasteland.

13 Thank you.